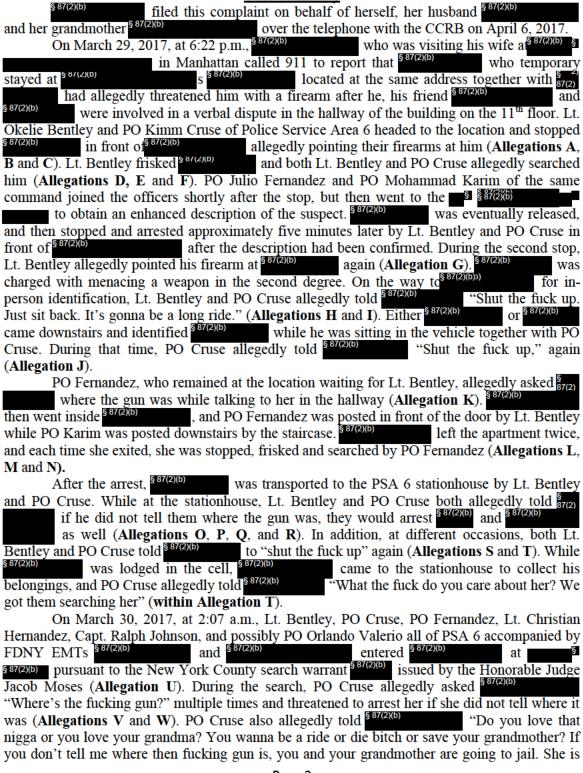
# CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	<b>✓</b> Force	☑ Discourt. □	U.S.
Volha Shauchenka		Squad #15	201702673	✓ Abuse	✓ O.L.	Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		Precinct:	18 Mo. SOL E	O SOL
Wednesday, 03/29/2017 6:28 PM 03/30/2017	I, Thursday,			32		29/2018
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported:	Date/Tim	e Received at CCRB	
Thu, 04/06/2017 2:30 PM		CCRB	Phone	Thu, 04/0	06/2017 2:30 PM	
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess			
Witness(es)		Home Addre	ess			
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command			
1. POM Kimm Cruse	11030		PSA 6			
2. LT Okelie Bentley	00000		PSA 6			
3. POM Julio Fernandez	02537		PSA 6			
			PSA 6			
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name			
1. POM Mohammad Karim	03516		PSA 6			
2. CPT Ralph Johnson	00000		PSA 6			
3. POM Orlando Valerio	16101		PSA 6			
4. LT Christian Hernandez	00000		PSA 6			
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on		Inv	estigator Recommen	ndation
A.LT Okelie Bentley	Force: On Manhatta § 87(2)(b)	n March 29, 2017, in fro n, Lieutenant Okelie Bo	ont of § <sup>87(2)(b)</sup> entley pointed his gu	in n at		
B.POM Kimm Cruse	Force: On March 29, 2017, in front of 887(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse pointed his gun at 887(2)(b)					
C.LT Okelie Bentley	Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of in Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley stopped					
D.LT Okelie Bentley		Authority: On March 2 n Manhattan, Lieutenan				

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
E.LT Okelie Bentley	Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of in Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley searched	
F.POM Kimm Cruse	Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse searched	
G.LT Okelie Bentley	Force: On March 29, 2017, in front of 887(2)(b) in Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley pointed his gun at 887(2)(b)	
H.LT Okelie Bentley	Discourtesy: On March 29, 2017, en route to in Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b)	
I.POM Kimm Cruse	Discourtesy: On March 29, 2017, en route to in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b)	
J.POM Kimm Cruse	Discourtesy: On March 29, 2017, in front of § 87(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b)	
K.POM Julio Fernandez	Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of §87(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Julio Fernandez questioned §87(2)(b)	
L.LT Okelie Bentley	Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of in Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley authorized the frisk of \$87(2)(b)	
M.LT Okelie Bentley	Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of in Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley authorized the stop of 887(2)(b)	
N.LT Okelie Bentley	Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of in Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley authorized the search of [887(2)(b)]	
O.LT Okelie Bentley	Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, at the PSA 6 stationhouse, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley threatened to arrest \$87(2)(b)	
P.LT Okelie Bentley	Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, at the PSA 6 stationhouse, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley threatened to arrest \$87(2)(b)	
Q.POM Kimm Cruse	Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, at the PSA 6 stationhouse, Police Officer Kimm Cruse threatened to arrest \$137(2)(0)	t .
R.POM Kimm Cruse	Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, at the PSA 6 stationhouse, Police Officer Kimm Cruse threatened to arrest \$87(2)(b)	t
S.LT Okelie Bentley	Discourtesy: On March 29, 2017, at the PSA 6 stationhouse, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley spoke discourteously to [887(2)]	
T.POM Kimm Cruse	Discourtesy: On March 29, 2017, at the PSA 6 stationhouse, Police Officer Kimm Cruse spoke discourteously to \$87(2)	
U.POM Kimm Cruse	Abuse of Authority: On March 30, 2017, Police Officer Kimm Cruse entered and searched [§ 87(2)(b)] in Manhattan.	

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
V.POM Kimm Cruse	Discourtesy: On March 30, 2017, inside in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse spokediscourteously to [SE7(2)(b)]	e
W.POM Kimm Cruse	Abuse of Authority: On March 30, 2017, inside in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cr threatened to arrest \$87(2)(b)	use
X.POM Kimm Cruse	Off. Language: On March 30, 2017, inside \$87(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse made remarks to \$87(2)(b) based upon \$87(2)(b) s race.	
Y.POM Kimm Cruse	Off. Language: On March 30, 2017, inside in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse made remarks to \$87(2)(b) based upon her gender.	
Z.POM Kimm Cruse	Abuse of Authority: On March 30, 2017, inside in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cr threatened to arrest \$87(2)(b)	use
2A.POM Kimm Cruse	Abuse of Authority: On March 30, 2017, inside in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cr threatened to damage \$87(2)(b) s property.	use
2B. Officers	Abuse of Authority: On March 30, 2017, inside in Manhattan, officers damaged s property.	

## **Case Summary**



going to lose this apartment and she is going the fuck to jail" (Allegations X, Y, and Z; within allegations V and W). In addition, PO Cruse allegedly threatened for the apartment by saying the officers were going to "tear everything apart" and "fuck up" the room (Allegation 2A; within Allegation V). During the search, the officers allegedly broke a picture, a vacuum cleaner and a radio (Allegation 2B). PO Cruse eventually recovered alleged drug paraphernalia from say(2)(b) and she and her grandmother were going to jail (within Allegation Z).

Say(2)(b) was placed in handcuffs, and PO Cruse allegedly told her, "Stand up, you're going the fuck to jail" (within Allegation V). She was then transported to say(2)(b) and the fuck to alleged sickle cell crisis, and subsequently released from there since her arrest was voided. Say(2)(b) alleged that shortly after her release she was rearrested while still at the hospital, but was released again without being taken to the stationhouse for arrest processing.

The case is submitted past its 90-day benchmark due to the fact the case consists of multiple parts and multiple attempts to obtain witness statements for each part.

## **Video Evidence**



2017-04-27 16-55-08.mp4

## [BR 11]

Snagit of video 1 from Lobby Elevators and Mailboxes camera installed inside \$87(2)(b)



2017-04-27 17-08-17.mp4

#### [BR 12]

Snagit of video 2 from Lobby Elevators and Mailboxes camera installed inside \$87(2)(b)



2017-06-22 15-58-37.mp4

#### [BR 24]

Snagit of the video of the apartment taken by PO Cruse on his NYPD issued cell phone.

#### Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- The case is unsuitable for mediation due to the arrest associated with the incident.
- and \$87(2)(b) have not filed a Notice of Claim with the City of New York as of August 3, 2017 with regard to the incident [BR 33].
- A New York State Office of Court Administration database search, conducted on August 14, 2017, revealed the following:
  - o \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) have no criminal convictions in the last 10 years [BR 43].

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	Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories
•	This is a first CCRB complaint filed by \$87(2)(b) [BR 42]. \$87(2)(b)
	This is a first CCRB complaint filed on behalf of \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b)
	[BR 42].
•	Lt. Bentley has been a member of the service for 12 years and has 10 previous CCRE complaints filed against him containing 25 allegations, none of which were substantiated. There are two question and/or stop allegations and one stop allegation pleaded against him that were closed twice as victim uncooperative and exonerated, respectively. There are seven discourtesy allegations pleaded against Lt. Bentley that were closed as complainant uncooperative twice, victim uncooperative twice, complaint withdrawn exonerated, and unfounded.  PO Cruse has been a member of the service for 15 years and has six previous CCRE complaints filed against him containing nine allegations.  O PO Cruse has one offensive language substantiated allegation pleaded against
	him in case #201300699, for which the CCRB recommended Command A discipline and the NYPD has imposed that penalty. In the same case, there is one substantiated seizure of property allegation pleaded against PO Cruse, for which the CCRB has recommended charges, but as of August 14, 2017, the NYPD has not taken no disciplinary action in regards.  O PO Cruse has also one unsubstantiated discourtesy allegation pleaded agains him.
•	PO Fernandez has been a member of the service for 16 years and has two previous CCRE complaints filed against him, none of which were substantiated on 887(2)(9)
	<u>Potential Issues</u>
•	No statement was obtained from since he refused to participate in the investigation [BR 17].
•	During fieldwork conducted by the CCRB field team, potential witness \$87(2)(b) of \$87(2)(b) s first stop that took place in front of \$87(2)(b) s identified. \$87(2)(b) could only be contacted at his place of work, \$87(2)(b) but was on vacation during multiple contact attempts to the store by the undersigned. Eventually \$87(2)(b) stopped working at the store, therefore the investigation has not obtained a statement from him.
•	None of the employees of \$87(2)(0) witnessed the incident.
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O § 87(2)(b)

- was identified as a potential witness of the allegations that took place in the holding cell area at PSA 6. [887(2)(b)] was uncooperative with the investigation after five phone calls were placed to him at the confirmed phone number and three please call letters mailed to him, two of which were returned by the USPS. Consequently, no statement was obtained from him.
- described two potential witness officers who were present at the PSA 6 stationhouse. Tour 3 for March 29, 2017 and Tour 1 for March 30, 2017 Roll Call, did not reveal any officers who fit the description or any anti-crime officers scheduled. All interviewed officers, apart from PO Cruse and Lt. Bentley, were either not at the stationhouse or not in the holding cell area, when the alleged misconduct took place. Therefore, no witness officers were identified for that part of the incident.

## Findings and Recommendations

## Explanation of Subject Officer Identification

- Lt. Bentley confirmed that it was his decision to stop §87(2)(b) at §87(2) at §87(2)
- Since same officer who questioned her was the same officer who frisked and searched her, Allegation K is being pleaded against PO Fernandez.
- Since PO Cruse was the investigating officer who obtained the search warrant, Allegation U is being pleaded against him.
- described the officer who allegedly used profanity, offensive language and threatened to arrest her and serious as a black male with light skin, 6' tall, heavy set, in his 50s, wearing glasses on a string and uniform. According to NYPD records, PO Cruse is a black male with light skin, 6' tall, 250 pounds, heavy set, and is 42 years old [NYPD 24]. In addition, based on the video evidence, PO Cruse was wearing glasses on a string on the day of the incident [BR 11]. Therefore, Allegations V, W, X, Y, Z and 2A are being pleaded against him.
- Although \$87(2)(0) alleged that officers damaged a radio, a framed picture and a vacuum cleaner inside \$87(2)(0) s apartment, \$87(2)(0) did not corroborate that. Since all the interviewed officers who were present during the search denied damaging any property or observing other officers do so, Allegation 2B is being pleaded against "officers."

#### **Allegations Not Pleaded**

- Abuse of Authority: A stop allegation in regards to \$87(2)(b) s stop at \$87(2)(b) is not being pleaded since it preceded his arrest.
- Abuse of Authority: Although Lt. Bentley stated he asked \$\( \) if he had a firearm, \$\( \) did not allege that. Similarly, despite the fact that Lt. Bentley testified that he asked \$\( \) about a firearm when he went to the hallway, she did not make that allegation. Consequently, question allegations are not being pleaded in regards.
- Abuse of Authority: Since PO Fernandez pointed at his shield in response to \$87(2)(b) are request for its number, a refusal to provide name and/or shield number allegation is not being pleaded in regards.

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- Force: Although in her verified statement to the CCRB, \$87(2)(b) that one of the officers pushed §87(2)(b) to the side when entering the apartment, § 87(2)(b) did not make that allegation herself. Thus, a force allegation is not being pleaded in regards. Force: Although \$87(2)(6) alleged that as he was being handcuffed by PO Cruse, the officer pushed him against a phone booth. However, \$87(2)(6) indicated that at that point he was approximately an inch or two away from the booth and did not allege any pain or injury from the officer's actions. Since there was no assertion that the push was forceful and excessive, a force allegation is not being pleaded in regards. Abuse of Authority: §87(2)(b) stated that after he was brought to the PSA 6 stationhouse, Lt. Bentley and PO Cruse showed him what he believed was a fake search warrant. After reviewing it, \$87(2)(6) requested to see the warrant closer, but none of
- the officers approached him closer and just showed the warrant from afar. Since had an opportunity to review the search warrant, a failure to show a search warrant allegation is not being pleaded in the case.

Allegation A – Force: On March 29, 2017, in front of §87(2)(6) in Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley pointed his gun at § 87(2)(b) Allegation B – Force: On March 29, 2017, in front of §87(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse pointed his gun at \$87(2)(b) Allegation C – Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of 887(2)(6) Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley stopped § 87(2)(b) Allegation D – Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of 887(2)(b) Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley frisked 8 87(2)(b) Allegation E – Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of §87(2)(b) Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley searched § 87(2)(6) Allegation F – Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of Ser(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse searched §87(2)(b) It is undisputed that § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were involved in a verbal dispute in the hallway of \$87(2)(0) in Manhattan, although the statements made during the argument by \$87(2)(b) and his actions afterwards are in question. In addition, it is also not disputed that after the argument and the 911 call, \$87(2)(b) was stopped and frisked by Lt. Bentley. During his in-person interview with the CCRB, \$87(2)(b) did not specify any statements he made during the argument and denied making any threats mentioning a firearm to or threatening him or \$87(2)(b) with a firearm [BR 13]. \$87(2)(b) any objects that could have looked like a firearm to \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b) stated he never came back into the apartment after the exchange and denied knocking on s front door. After leaving the building, when he was by §87(2)(b) was surrounded by approximately six officers, including PO Cruse and Lt. Bentley, who both pointed their firearms at his head and upper body. §87(2)(b) was informed he was being stopped because he had a firearm on him, and Lt. Bentley patted his groin area through his pants and underwear and his buttocks and legs from outside his clothing as well. Both Lt. Bentley and PO Cruse entered (S27(2)(b) s front and back pants pockets and removed (S s money, phone and a five-inch screw driver from them. The items were later returned Page 6

to \$87(2)(b) and one of the officers informed \$87(2)(b) he had been searched because he
fit the description of a suspect who had harassed someone with a firearm. §87(2)(b) stated that
he heard a description put over by the radio, and the suspect was described as a male wearing a
red sweater and dark blue jeans, while he was wearing grey jeans. In addition, \$887(2)(b) was
wearing a large, but slim fitting red sweater. \$87(2)(b) provided wrong identifying
information for himself to the officers since he was on parole and was eventually let go.
When interviewed at the CCRB, \$87(2)(0) stated that during the argument, \$87(2)(0)
said, "Oh, if it was my kids, I would have killed you," referring to the fact that she and
were smalring [DD 02]. After the argument \$27000 Left the building and \$
were smoking [BR 03]. After the argument, \$87(2)(5) left the building and \$100 went inside apartment 11D to collect her purse. Letter \$27(2)(3)
went inside apartment 11D to collect her purse. Later, \$87(2)(b) learned that \$37(2)(b)
was searched by officers as he was leaving the building since they thought he had a gun
on him.
In her verified statement to the CCRB, \$87(2)(b) stated she was inside her
apartment at the time of the argument and did not hear what was taking place in the hallway [BR
04].
In his unverified phone statement to the CCRB, \$87(2)(b) stated that \$87(2)(b) got
into a verbal argument with \$87(2)(b) because he and \$87(2)(b) were smoking
marijuana in the hallway [BR 16]. After the argument, \$87(2)(b) knocked on \$87(2)(b) s
girlfriend's door, apartment 11C, and when he opened it, he observed standing in
the hallway with a firearm in his hand and telling him to come out. [887(2)(b)] locked the door,
and \$87(2)(b) knocked on it again. Since \$87(2)(b) did not answer, \$87(2)(b) left the
building. As a result, \$87(2)(b) called 911.
Lt. Bentley testified that he and PO Cruse were travelling along in the vicinity
of when they received a radio transmission that someone had menaced a
firearm to a neighbor at §87(2) and headed there [BR 27]. The suspect was described as a
Hispanic male wearing a red t-shirt and stone washed blue jeans. As the officers were
approaching the location, both of them observed \$87(2)(b) who closely fit the physical
description and the description of clothing, and Lt. Bentley informed PO Cruse they were going
to stop him. PO Cruse noted that was the only reason why \$87(2)(6) was stopped. Lt. Bentley
denied pointing his firearm while stopping \$87(2)(b) and stated PO Cruse did not do so either.
The officers explained to \$87(2)(6) why he was being stopped, and he seemed to be slightly
annoyed. Therefore, Lt. Bentley asked the Central Dispatcher to read the description of the
suspect again so that \$87(2)(b) could hear it. Lt. Bentley inquired if \$87(2)(b) had a
firearm on him and whether he had any issues with his neighbor, to which he replied he had not.
Lt. Bentley patted \$27(2)(b) sentire body for safety giving particular attention to his
Lt. Bentley patted services s entire body for safety, giving particular attention to his waistband. Lt. Bentley did not observe any bulges on services nor did he feel anything that
could have been a firearm on his person. Lt. Bentley denied entering any pockets on
but noted \$87(2)(b) might have had a screwdriver on him. Lt. Bentley did not
believe PO Cruse assisted him during the frisk nor did he believe PO Cruse searched
Shortly after \$87(2)(0) was frisked, PO Fernandez and PO Karim arrived on the
scene, and Lt. Bentley asked both of them to go to the incident location and obtain additional
description of the suspect since the dispatcher was unable to reach the complainant over the
phone. After PO Karim and PO Fernandez left, \$87(2)(b) was let go since Lt. Bentley did not
want to detain him for too long.
In his testimony to the CCRB, PO Cruse corroborated Lt. Bentely's account of the
circumstances that preceded \$27(2)(b) s stop and of the events that took place during the stop

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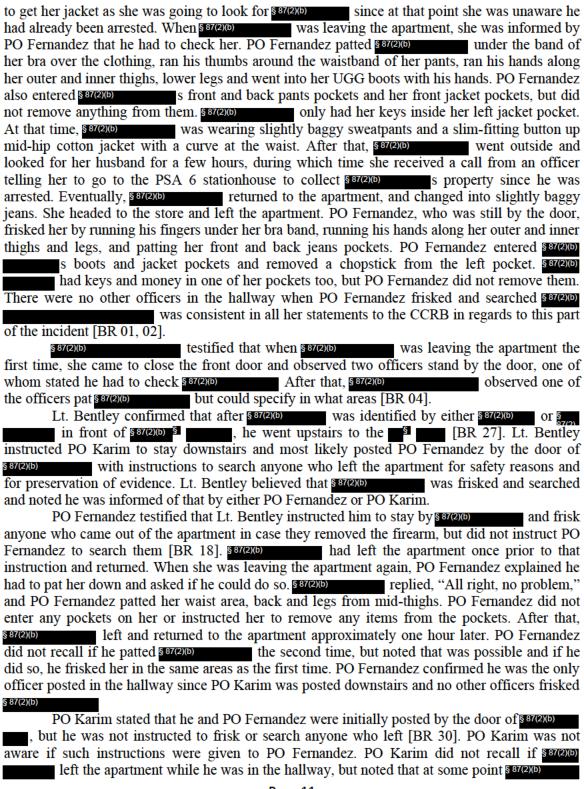
apart from the following details [BR 20]. PO Cruse indicated that the officers asked [887(2)(b)] where he was coming from, and he replied he was coming from work. PO Cruse described s demeanor as calm during the stop and noted that §87(2)(b) related to the officers that there were people in the neighborhood who hated him. After the dispatcher read the description of the perpetrator, §87(2)(b) lifted his shirt up and said the officers could search him as he had nothing on his person. PO Cruse did not notice anything suspicious on at the time, and denied searching him. PO Cruse also denied frisking §87(2)(b) noted he did not recall if Lt. Bentley did so. PO Cruse stated that Lt. Bentley did not search either. In his interview at the CCRB, PO Fernandez stated that he and his partner PO Karim joined Lt. Bentley and PO Cruse approximately 40 seconds after (397(2)) was stopped by the deli [BR 28]. \$87(2)(b) was in PO Fernandez's view prior to the stop, and he stated that neither Lt. Bentley nor PO Cruse pointed their firearms at §87(2)(b) as he was being stopped. PO Fernandez did not observe either Lt. Bentley or PO Cruse frisk or search \$187(2)(5) Although PO Fernandez noted \$87(2)(b) was wearing baggy clothes, he did not see any bulges on him. PO Fernandez confirmed Lt. Bentley's account that he and PO Karim left the location and went inside §87(2)(6) S to obtain enhanced description of the perpetrator from the victim. PO Karim largely corroborated PO Fernandez's account of how and why they arrived at the incident location, and denied observing either Lt. Bentley or PO Cruse point their firearms at during the stop [BR 30]. PO Karim did not observe either Lt. Bentley or PO Cruse frisk § 87(2)(b) nor did he recall if either of the officers searched him. Although PO Karim believed that §87(2)(b) could have been concealing a weapon since he matched the description of the perpetrator, he noted nothing on his clothing indicated he might have had it. PO Karim confirmed PO Fernandez's account that he and his partner went to the incident location shortly after the stop. According to 911 call recording associated with NYPD Event Information sar(2)(6) called to report that he, his children and his friend entered his building when they observed a male smoking marijuana. Either § 87(2)(b) or his friend commented on that, and the male started threatening them [NYPD 18]. 43 seconds into the conversation, § 87(2)(b) reported that the male had just come to his apartment with a gun. described the perpetrator as Hispanic male wearing a red shirt and blue jeans. At 2:00 minutes, § 87(2)(b) noted that he believed the suspect went inside apartment 11D. At 2:57 minutes, § 87(2)(b) stated that the suspect was knocking on his door again. According to Radio Communication 2 associated with the same Event Information, Lt. Bentley asked the central dispatcher to call the complainant to get an enhanced description of the suspect three times after he stopped one male at \$87(2)(b) [NYPD 20]. The call back attempts were unsuccessful. According to New York State Criminal Procedure Law § 140.50, an officer may stop an individual if he/she has reasonable suspicion that an individual has committed, is committing or is about to commit a crime [BR 34]. In People v.Samuels, 977 N.Y.S. 2d 654, a general description

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happened immediately after the officers' conversation with the eyewitness and vicinity of the incident.	
NYPD Radio Communications and 911 call recording confirm that specific a suspect was provided to the officers and that \$87(2)(6) was stopped six in	
transmission in close proximity to the incident location. § 87(2)(9)	innidies after the
As for the fact that Lt. Bentley and PO Cruse allegedly approached §8	7(2)(b) with
their guns pointed and that they searched him, \$87(2)(9)	
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Allegation G – Force: On March 29, 2017, in front of §87(2)(b) Lieutenant Okelie Bentley pointed his gun at §87(2)(b)	in Manhattan,
Allegation H – Discourtesy: On March 29, 2017, en route to \$37(2)(5)	in Manhattan,
Lieutenant Okelie Bentley spoke discourteously to 887(2)(b)	in Manhattan
Allegation I – Discourtesy: On March 29, 2017, en route to 887(2)(b) Police Officer Kimm Cruse spoke discourteously to 887(2)(b)	in Manhattan,
Allegation J – Discourtesy: On March 29, 2017, in front of 887(2)(b)	in Manhattan,
Police Officer Kimm Cruse spoke discourteously to 887(2)(b)	
stated that approximately three minutes later after the	ne stop, he was
approached again by Lt. Bentley and PO Cruse as he was attempting to make a	
a phone booth located in front of \$87(2)(b)  [BR approaching \$87(2)(b)]  Lt. Bentley again pointed his firearm at his head and	R 13, 14]. While
was handcuffed by PO Cruse and placed in the police vehicle \$37(2)(0)	was taken
to \$87(2)(b) \$ and on the way, he was asking the officers why he was an	rrested, and both
officers at different points told him, "Shut the fuck up. Just sit back. It's gonna be front of \$87(2)(0) \$\ \text{887(2)(0)} \$\ was left inside the car with PO Cruse, very similar to the car with PO Cruse,	
stood outside talking either to \$87(2)(6) or \$87(2)(6) PO Cruse told \$87(2)(6)	to look in a
1 0	at he was being
identified at the time and refused to look that way. In his initial interview with stated that while he was being identified in the car, PO Cruse told him	
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Lt. Bentley testified that approximately 30 seconds after \$87(2)(b)	was let go, he
received a call from PO Fernandez confirming that \$87(2)(b) was the perpetr Bentley and PO Cruse canvassed the area and stopped \$87(2)(b) again at \$	rator [BR 27]. Lt.
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Lt. Bentley did not point his firearm at (200) during the stop since he had just personally frisked him, which yielded negative results. Lt. Bentley noted that although
was handcuffed, he was not under arrest yet and was being detained for further identification. Either Lt. Bentley or PO Cruse frisked \$87(2)(0) prior to placing him in the
vehicle and he was transported to \$87(2)(6) \$ for identification. While en route, \$200
was not complaining of anything nor was he and the officers involved in an argument.
Lt. Bentley denied using any profanity towards \$87(2)(b) in the car and stated that PO Cruse
did not do so either. When they arrived to the building, either \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b) went
downstairs and spoke with Lt. Bentley while \$87(2)(b) remained in the car with PO Cruse.
The victim confirmed \$87(2)(b) was the perpetrator by looking at him through the car
window, and at that point Lt. Bentley considered 887(2)(b) under arrest.  PO Cruse largely corroborated Lt. Bentley's testimony in regards to that part of the
incident and confirmed that Lt. Bentley did not point his firearm at \$87(2)(b) during the
second stop at \$87(2)(b) [BR 20]. PO Cruse confirmed he handcuffed \$87(2)(b) and
prior to placing him in the vehicle, PO Cruse frisked and searched him for safety reasons. Lt.
Bentely and PO Cruse transported \$87(2)(b) to \$87(2) to obtain more information
from the complainant. Neither Lt. Bentley nor PO Cruse used any profanity towards \$87(2)(0)
on their way to the incident location, and PO Cruse noted that since \$87(2)(0) was polite with
the officers, they treated him like a gentleman too. PO Cruse corroborated both \$87(2)(b) s and Lt. Bentley's account of the identification process and denied telling \$87(2)(b) "Shut the
fuck up," during that time.
\$ 87(2)(g)
Allegation K – Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of §87(2)(b)
in Manhattan, Police Officer Julio Fernandez questioned \$87(2)(b)
Allegation L – Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of 887(2)(b)
in Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley authorized the stop of
Allegation M – Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of 887(2)(b)
in Manhattan, Lieutenant Okelie Bentley authorized the frisk of \$87(2)(6)
Allegation N – Abuse of Authority: On March 29, 2017, in front of
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opened the door and asked the officers what was happening. PO Karim did not observe PO Fernandez frisk or search sarch while he was there. At 9:30 p.m., PO Karim did a compactor search with NYCHA officers while PO Fernandez remained in the hallway on the first that, PO Karim was stationed downstairs by the staircase under the apartment windows until the end of his tour and did not go upstairs.

An officer may approach an individual and ask him/her pointed and accusatory questions if they have founded suspicion that criminal activity is afoot. New York v. Hollman, 79 N.Y.2d 181; NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 212-11 [BR 38, 39]. According to Illinois v. McArthur, 531 U.S. 326, while in the process of obtaining a search warrant, officers may "freeze" the location and temporarily seize any individual attempting to get inside [BR 40]. In People v. Bingham, 176 A.D.2d 740, officers were justified in conducting a warrantless search of a jacket in a locked car after receiving information that it contained narcotics under the exigent circumstances doctrine [BR 41].

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Although
PO Fernandez denied searching \$87(2)(b) Lt. Bentley admitted to giving that particular
instruction to him and confirmed he was later informed that \$87(2)(b) was frisked and
searched, the investigation has established that \$887(2)(b) was in fact searched by PO
Fernandez in addition to being stopped and frisked. §87(2)(9)
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Allegation T – Discourtesy: On March 29, 2017, at the PSA 6 stationhouse, Police Officer

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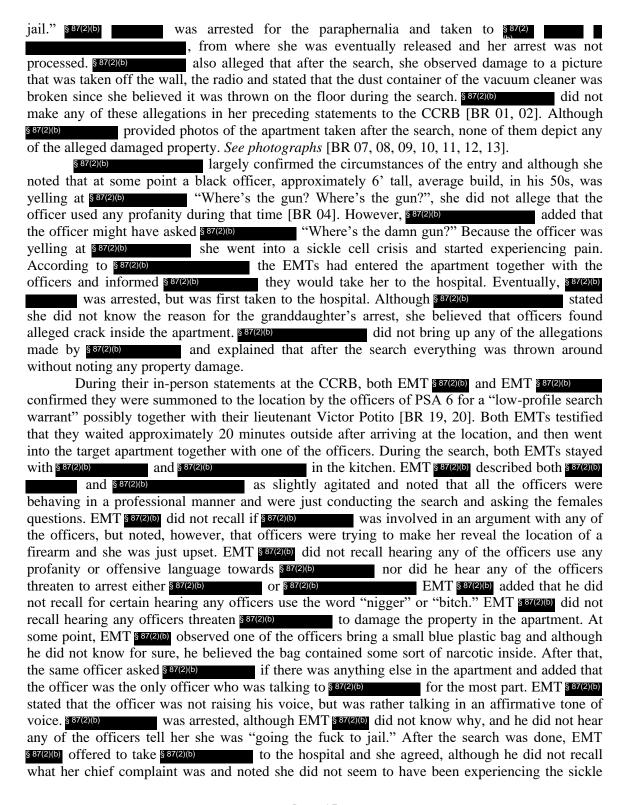
Kimm Cruse spoke discourteously to §87(2)(b)

stated that after he was transported to the PSA 6 stationhouse and lodged in
the holding cell, both Lt. Bentley and PO Cruse informed him they were going to get a search
warrant for \$87(2)(b) s apartment and asked him where the gun was multiple times
[BR 13]. Both officers also told him that they would "charge" \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b)
as well [BR 14]. \$87(2)(b) insisted that there was no firearm in the apartment and
that he did not live there, and both Lt. Bentley and PO Cruse became mad and at different
occasions told him to "shut the fuck up." Approximately two hours after \$87(2)(6) are safety
came to the stationhouse to collect his property, and §87(2)(b) asked to PO
Cruse to inquire how she was feeling since she had sickle cell disorder, to which PO Cruse
replied, "Why the fuck do you care? We got them searching her."
In a follow up phone statement, \$87(2)(6) confirmed that at some point she went to
the stationhouse to collect \$87(2)(b) s belongings [BR 10].
Lt. Bentley confirmed he and PO Cruse transported \$87(2)(b) to the stationhouse,
after which he believed he did not have any interaction with \$87(2)(b) other than filling out
his arrest stamp [BR 27]. Lt. Bentley denied threatening \$87(2)(b) to arrest \$87(2)(b)
and \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) or telling him to "shut the fuck up." Lt. Bentley stated that PO Cruse
might have asked \$87(2)(b) where the gun was, but Lt. Bentley did not hear him ask that in
fact. Lt. Bentley did not hear PO Cruse threaten \$87(2)(b) to arrest \$87(2)(c) and
s87(2)(b) or use any profanity towards him. As per Lt. Bentley, \$87(2)(b) did
not visit the stationhouse, and he did not hear PO Cruse tell [887(2)(6)] "What the fuck do you
care?"
PO Cruse testified that after was transported to the stationhouse, he
revealed his real name and the fact that \$87(2)(b) was his wife [BR 20]. PO Cruse denied
questioning \$87(2)(b) about the gun or being involved in an argument with him since
questioning him would hamper the process of obtaining a search warrant. PO Cruse denied
threatening \$87(2)(b) with \$87(2)(b) s and \$87(2)(b) s arrests and noted that no other officers said so. PO Cruse denied telling \$87(2)(b) to "shut the fuck up," and
that no other officers said so. PO Cruse defined telling \$87(2)(6) to "shut the fuck up," and
said that Lt. Bentley did no say so either. It is possible that \$87(2)(b) visited the
stationhouse at some point, but PO Cruse denied telling \$87(2)(b) "Why the fuck do you
stationhouse at some point, but PO Cruse denied telling \$87(2)(5)
knowledge, \$87(2)(6) and not interact with any other officers there. PO Cruse maintained that
was calm in the holding cell, therefore, he was being treated with respect.
§ 87(2)(g)
Allegation U - Abuse of Authority: On March 30, 2017, Police Officer Kimm Cruse entered
and searched \$87(2)(b) in Manhattan.
It is undisputed that PO Cruse, Lt. Bentley, PO Fernandez, Lt. §87(2)(b) Capt. Johnson
and possibly PO Valerio entered and that PO Cruse, Lt. Bentley and PO Fernandez searched
§ 87(2)(b)
were temporary residents. §87(2)(b) opened the front door and the officers
entered after informing her they had a search warrant [BR 03, 04, 20, 27, 28, 31]. See
photographs and video [BR 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29].
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The New York County Search Warrant [\$87(2)(b)] issued by the Honorable Judge Jacob permitted entry into and search of §87(2)(b) Moses on any time and seizure of all firearms, ammunition and related packaging and accessories as well as proof of ownership of the contraband [NYPD 03]. A valid New York County Search Warrant issued by the Criminal Court may be executed pursuant its terms. N.Y. S. Criminal Procedure Law 690.50, NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-17 [BR 36, 37]. § 87(2)(g) Allegation V – Discourtesy: On March 30, 2017, inside §87(2)(b) Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse spoke discourteously to 887(2)(0) Allegation W – Abuse of Authority: On March 30, 2017, inside \$87(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse threatened to arrest Allegation X – Abuse of Authority: On March 30, 2017, inside \$87(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse threatened to arrest 807(2)(0) Allegation Y – Offensive Language: On March 30, 2017, inside \$87(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse made remarks to based upon her gender. Allegation Z – Abuse of Authority: On March 30, 2017, inside in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse threatened to arrest Allegation 2A – Abuse of Authority: On March 30, 2017, inside \$87(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Kimm Cruse threatened to damage property. Allegation 2B – Abuse of Authority: On March 30, 2017, inside §87(2)(b) in Manhattan, officers damaged §87(2)(b) s property. alleged that after the officers entered \$87(2)(b) s apartment. she and her grandmother were sitting in the kitchen and PO Cruse kept asking her multiple times, "Where is the fucking gun?" [BR 03]. §87(2)(b) started crying and replied she did not know where it was. PO Cruse was yelling at \$87(2)(b) and told her if she did not tell the officers where the gun was, she was going to get "locked up." PO Cruse also told \$87(2)(b) you love that nigga or you love your grandma? You wanna be a ride or die bitch or you're save your grandmother? If you don't tell me where this fucking gun is, you and your grandmother are going to jail. She is going to lose this apartment and she is going the fuck to jail." § 87(2)(6) kept responding that she had no knowledge of the location of the gun. As the officers were searching the apartment, PO Cruse was directing other officers where to look and told \$87(2)(0) they were going to "tear everything apart" and "fuck" the room "up." Because of PO Cruse's yelling, §87(2)(b) started experiencing a sickle cell crisis, which she described as pain in her entire body and requested to be taken to the hospital. Someone had called an ambulance for her, but at some point, PO Cruse informed that marijuana paraphernalia was recovered in the apartment and she and her grandmother were going to jail. described the paraphernalia as a piece of paper from marijuana cigarette the size of a finger nail in a plastic bag. PO Cruse informed her although she would be taken to the

hospital, she would still go to jail afterwards and told her, "Stand up, you're going the fuck to Page 14



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cell crisis since her vital signs were normal. EMT did not observe any broken items inside the rooms since he was not in position to see that.
EMT \$87(2)(b) largely corroborated EMT \$87(2)(b) s account of the incident and
confirmed that some complained to the EMTs she had a sickle cell disorder when they
entered the apartment and noted she did not want to go to hospital until the search was over [BR
19]. EMT \$87(2)(b) noted that \$87(2)(b) and Rehardine \$87(2)(b) were upset, and \$87(2)(b)
was saying, "This is fucked up." EMT \$87(2)(b) confirmed PO \$87(2)(b) s account in
regards to the allegations and stated he did not hear any of the officers make the alleged
statements. According to EMT §87(2)(b) the officers were professional and since the FDNY lieutenant was present, they would have stepped in if anything of that kind happened. EMT
also confirmed that there was only one officer who was mainly interacting with the
females described as a black male, 5'8" tall, stocky, in his late 30s, wearing glasses and NYPD
jacket with a shield hanging over it.
PO Cruse indicated that during the execution of the search warrant all officers who were
inside the apartment spoke to \$87(2)(b) and asked her where \$87(2)(b) was staying and
where the gun was [BR 20]. s87(2)(6) responded she did not know what the officers were
talking about and became upset. PO Cruse denied asking multiple times, "where
the fucking gun" and denied making the rest of the alleged statements that included profanity, offensive language and threats of arrest against PO
offensive language and threats of arrest against Se7(2)(b) and Se7(2)(b) PO Cruse added that to the best of his knowledge, he did not threaten Se7(2)(b) with arrest if
she did not tell him where the gun was. PO Cruse also noted that his captain was present at the
time, and he would have immediately intervened if something of that nature was said. In addition,
PO Cruse stated that most of the officers on the scene were black or Hispanic and they do not use
racial slurs of that nature. PO Cruse also denied telling ser(2)(b) the officers were going to
"fuck up the room" and tear everything apart or using any profanity towards or
PO Cruse did not recall if complained she was feeling sick
and believed that after her arrest for the recovered drug paraphernalia, a scale and plastic Ziploc
bags, she was taken to the hospital because she had diabetes. PO Cruse denied telling
she was going "the fuck to jail." PO Cruse took a few pictures of the apartment and made a brief recording of sand sand sand sand sand sand sand sand
phone to document its state to prevent false allegations. See photographs and video [BR 21, 22,
23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29].
Lt. Bentley, PO Fernandez, and Lt. Hernandez largely corroborated PO Cruse's account
and all denied hearing PO Cruse make any of the alleged statements mentioned above [BR 27, 28,
31]. The rest of the officers who were present during the search were not interviewed as their
testimony would not affect the disposition of the allegations.
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